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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Kazuya Maekawa et al.

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Art Unit: 2813

For: METHOD FOR SEVERING BRITTLE  
MATERIAL SUBSTRATE AND SEVERING  
APPARATUS USING THE METHOD

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Examiner: James M. Mitchell

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.